

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 1986

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AMENDED RATE
SCHEDULE FILED BY
LODI AMBULANCE
SERVICE

City Clerk Reinche presented an amended rate schedule from Lodi Ambulance Service, which rates will become effective March 1, 1986.

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Lodi Ambulance Service

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January 16, 1986

Alice Reimche
City Clerk
City of Lodi
221 W. Pine Street
Lodi, Ca 95240

Dear Mrs. Reimche;

✓ This is a letter of intent to notify the City of Lodi that as of March 1, 1986, we plan an adjustment with our ambulance rates.

Our ambulance fees were modified last March for an all inclusive billing system. The all inclusive base rate has worked very well with the billing department and our patients. We have less claims inquiries and less patients' concern pertaining to claims and statements.

✓ Over the past three years we have had a modest increase in patient volume. With this projected increase in volume and the 5% increase of ambulance fees, we foresee an ability to generate the needed revenue to upgrade services and expenditures.

I am sure the City administration understands the difficulty to obtain insurance and if one does obtain insurance, the cost is colossal. Fiscal year of 1985-86, we experienced an increase of 100% in liability and auto insurance premiums and have been advised the increase will most likely double again. This will reflect an increase from \$24,000.00 to \$48,000.00. Other increased costs will be workers compensation insurance, fuel, employee health insurance, equipment repair and maintenance and payroll.

Note of information. Our basic emergency ambulance rate has not increased since March of 1984 and last March, our non-emergency ambulance rate was reduced from \$107.00 to \$95.00, an 11% decrease. We will continue to deliver the highest quality of service to the area residents at a reasonable fee. Examples of continued upgraded services are the new ambulance station on the North side of Lodi for quicker response, additional trained emergency medical dispatchers, addition of a third ambulance during peak volume hours. In-house computer billing system to simplify billing and system status management.

Enclosed is a price index for your reference. On the first page, we show the current rates and proposed rates as of March 1, 1986. On the second page is a listing of the medicare profile maximum reimbursable rates and the maximum authorized rates for San Joaquin County.

Any questions please have referred to me at the office, 334-0850. I will not be available from Wednesday, February 19, 1986 through Thursday, February 27, 1986.

Respectfully,

Michael N. Nilssen

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Lodi Ambulance Service Rate Modification

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Base Rate Non-Emergency-----	\$ 95.00	\$100.00
Base Rate Emergency-----	137.00	145.00
Base Rate Advanced Life Support-----	272.00	285.00
Night Call (7:00pm-7:00am)-----	28.00	30.00
Oxygen (per use)-----	20.00	22.00
Mileage (per mile)-----	6.00	6.50
Waiting Time (per ½ hour)-----	19.00	20.00

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Lodi Ambulance Service Profile Table

	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Medicare Payable</u>	<u>San Joaquin County Maximum Fee</u>
Base Rate Non-Emergency-----	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$120.00
Base Rate Emergency-----	145.00	150.00	157.00
Base Rate Advanced Life Support-----	285.00	275.00	288.00
Night Call (7:00pm-7:00am)-	30.00	35.00	37.00
Oxygen (per use)-----	22.00	22.00	23.00
Mileage (per mile)-----	6.50	6.50	7.00
Waiting Time (per ½ hour)---	20.00	44.00	46.00

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 Enclosure #2